

## OATH, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

Being duly sworn, We, Joyce B. Palazzotto and Harold R. Carpenter, depose and say that: (1) our respective residences, citizenships, and mailing addresses are indicated below; (2) we have reviewed and understand the contents of our patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein, which is identified as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/130,299, filed October 1, 1993; (3) we verily believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors or discoverers of the invention or discovery in

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described and claimed therein and for which a patent is sought; and (4) we hereby acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56\*.

We hereby appoint Gary L. Griswold (Reg. No. 25,396), Walter N. Kirm (Reg. No. 21,196), Roger R. Tamte (Reg. No. 21,093), Warren R. Bovee (Reg. No. 26,434), Gerald F. Chernivec (Reg. No. 26,537), Carolyn A. Bates (Reg. No. 27,853), John C. Barnes (Reg. No. 20,278), and Richard T. Knauer (Reg. No. 35,575) our attorneys with full powers (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; the mailing address and the telephone number of the above-mentioned attorneys are

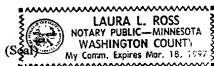
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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the aforementioned specification and we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, oath, power of attorney, and this petition, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1993.

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Before me personally appeared Joyce B. Palazzotto, to me known to be the person described in the above application for patent, who signed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and made oath before me to the allegations set forth therein as being under oath, on the day and year aforesaid.



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